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NEVVES FROM KENT

SIR,

SInce the Kentish mens seizing of Rochester, and the Magazine, they have increased, divers, both Gentlemen, Servants, Souldiers, and men of all sorts come in, and stand upon their defence, and cause all that passe over the Bridge to sign their Petition: they say that they will have the King come to London; and a treaty, and the Army of Sectaries disbanded: they put all Souldiers out of the Country, and permit none except such as comply with them, and they have prevailed so far with the horsemen of the Country, that they are almost all the troop gone in to joyn with them, and the trained Bands are too cold to oppose them, and they will

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grow too numerous, if ſpeedy courſe be not taken. An Officer of the ſhip that carryed the Prince away was to ſee him that cals himſelf Prince Charles, and ſaying hee was not the Prince, he that perſonates him, told the Major that he came to kill him, and deſired he might bee ſecured, which was done accordingly, and others are commanded after ſaying that he is not the Prince. There are in Rochester, and the parts adjacent, at the leaſt a thouſand that are riſen in armes, beſides their intereſt in ſome Sea men, and others at Maidſtone, and other parts. Here are abundance of Ordnance, and many ſhips, a great number of armes, much powder in the ſhips, if ſome ſpeedy courſe be not taken herein, it may be prevented when too late.

We hear there are ſome Members of Parl. ordered to come down into theſe parts to pacifie thoſe which are now in Armes, and it is believed, that moſt of them will be perſwaded to go home to their own houſes, or obſerve ſuch order in preſenting their Petition, as was lately ordered by the Parl. in relation to the prevention of tumults. We hear that ſome of the moſt active in this buſineſſe have indeavoured to aſſociate themſelves with thoſe they can ingage to their party in London, and ſomthing was preſented to the laſt Common Councel concerning an intention which ſome had to ſecure London Bridge on Tueſday next, which we doubt not, but by the fore knowledge thereof will be prevented by the wiſdome of that grave Councell, who (as

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we understand) are resolved to be in a posture of defence, as they have great cause to do, for not only the disaffected of this County, who distinguish themselves by wearing of colour'd Ribbons in their hats, but some of the discontented persons of the County of Surry hold correspondency together, and we have newes here, that on Munday last there was a meeting of many Gentlemen of Surry with some members of the Parl. at which meeting the Gentlemen for the County drew up certaine heads or particulars of their desires, touching the late combustion when they came to Westminster with their Petition. One of their desires is, *That he which spilt the first blood there should be made exemplary*; but on which side that will appear to bee, we leave to the evidence. Another is, *that reparation may be made for what was lost by particular persons*; touching which, wee heare good satisfaction was presently given, which we hope will prevent any further discontents in that County. This morning intelligence was brought, that the Parl. have voted a personal treaty with the King, upon condition, that his Maj. first grant the *Militia*, settle Religion and recall all Proclamations and Declarations against the Parl. which gives much satisfaction to the moderate party, and it is now verily believed, that all except the old professed Royalists, as they

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are called, will rest satisfied with what the *Parliament* shall further conclude on about this businesse, and other things in relation to setling of the Kingdome.

Darking 25 *May* 1648.

A Letter from Excester.

SIR,

ACcording to your desire at my parting with you, I shal as neer as I can give you the true intelligence out of these parts. Sir *Hardresse Waller* having setled this City in posture of defence, newes was brought of some insurrections further in the West, whereupon he sent part of his horse and foot to prevent the further increase thereof: this Rising is said to be at St. *Ives*, and at *Pensance*, they have gotten some armes, and some persons of quality are said to be landed there, the Forces which are marched that way will be with them this week, the Country between this and them are generally indifferently well-affected; and by Letters from *Bath*, it is certified, that divers disaffected persons which were gotten thither, and shewed

ed themselves active, are secured by the well affected party.

By an Expresse hither is brought how it fares with our enemies, and the state of our Forces in South-Wales; of them taken in the last Defeat, these following are put aboard Vice-admirall *Crowther*, and are to be tryed at the Head-quarters, Major General *Stradling*, Major *Philips*, Captaine *Thomas Matthewes*, Captain *William Button*, Master *Miles Matthewes*, Lieutenant-colonel *Hopkin Potkins*, Lieutenant-colonel *Thomas Morgan*, Colonell *Arthur Harris*, Captain *Edward Walker*, Capt. *Richard Cradock*, Lieutenant-colonell *Thomas*: at a councel of War four were condemned, and after shot to death, one hanged, seven condemned, not yet executed.

About 160 are in Chepstow castle, Wednesday last, they had neither bread nor salt, quarter was offered them, but they refused; they now cry for it but it will not be granted them: they had let down a Boat to have escaped, but a Souldier of ours swoom over the River, with a knife in his mouth, cut the Rope, and brought away the Boat, Lieutenant-General *Cromwel* is by this day before *Pembroke*, and hath made *Poyer* either take reason, or set on work a Mine to blow him towards hea-

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ven; this is the state of South-Wales, notwithstanding the Gent. Letter to his Cosin in *London*. It is said Col. *Powel* is slain by *Laugborn*, which is all at present, from

Your affectionate friend,

Exceter 22. *May* 1648. J. T.

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